

Guide to Substance and Sector Groups

*GLBTS Substance And Sector
Workgroup Meeting
September 24, 2008*

Mission Statement

...To achieve this goal, the Parties to the GLBTS agree to make an effort to eliminate or reduce to the maximum extent practicable the discharge of toxic pollutants into the Great Lakes Basin. In the spirit of the GLWQA, it is the policy of the Parties to the GLBTS that the release of persistent toxic substances^[1] be prevented.

^[1] Where persistence encompasses persistent releases.

Stakeholder Concerns/Comments

- New Terminology – not consistent with GLWQA
 - No Mention of Virtual Elimination
 - Redefinition of Persistence
- Interpreting Spirit of GLWQA is Arbitrary
- Need Better Definition and Criteria
- Broadening GLBTS mandate beyond PTS
- Over Reliance on National Chemical Management Programs
- 4 Step Process is most appropriately applied to prioritized substances.
- Stakeholder Engagement Unclear
- Include Provincial and State Surveillance Activities

Other Comments??

- Will redraft for your consideration by October 20